

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1971 - SB 2623

February 24, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits service by mail from being the basis for entry of a judgement by default in general sessions court unless the record contains a return receipt showing personal acceptance by the defendant or eligible persons.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The provisions of this legislation align with Rule 4.05 Service Upon Defendant Outside This State of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure.
- Any increase in caseloads to the courts, district attorneys, and public defenders resulting from not accepting service by mail as the basis for a default judgment, unless accompanied by a return receipt showing acceptance, will be absorbed utilizing existing resources. Any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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